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SUBJECT: FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP FOR CU ACTION

REF: CANBERRA 7273 NOVEMBER 7, 1974

1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL LETTERS FROM PNG NATIONALS REQUESTING APPLICATION FORMS FOR FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN U.S. COMMENCING IN SEPTEMBER 1975.

2. CONGEN INFORMED BY EMBASSY CANBERRA NO (AAEF) AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PNG STUDENTS. NOVEMBER 15 LETTER FROM AAEF TO PNG FACULTY MEMBER STATES THAT WITH PROSPECT OF PNG INDEPENDENCE, APPLICATIONS BY PNG NATIONALS WILL NOT BE DEALT WITH BY FOUNDATION, AND THAT PAPUA NEW GUINEA SHOULD ENTER INTO ITS OWN ARRANGEMENTS AS AN INDEPENDENT EXCHANGE PARTNER WITH THE USA. SINCE NO BILATERAL FOUNDATION IN EXISTANCE, LETTER RECOMMENDS THAT EXCHANGE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE THROUGH AMCONGEN PORT MORESBY, WHICH WOULD IN TURN FORWARD APPLICATIONS TO WASHINGTON DC.

3. BEFORE WE RESPOND TO LETTERS OF APPLICATION FOR FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS HERE IT IS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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(A) WILL A SEPARATE FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BE ESTABLISHED FOR PNG?

(B) IF NO SEPARATE FUND AVAILABLE FOR PNG, IF FULBRIGHT MONEY AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES, SUCH AS A GENERAL FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP FUND, WHICH COULD BE TAPPED BY PNG APPLICANTS?

(C) PREVIOUSLY, UNDER AUSPICES AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION, TWO GRANTS WERE EARMARKED FOR PNG NATIONALS. CAN TWO GRANTS CONTINUE TO BE FUNDED VIA THESE ASSETS FOR PNG NATIONALS?

(D) IF FULBRIGHT FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM ANY SOURCE FOR PNG NATIONALS, REQUEST TELEGRAPHIC INSTRUCTIONS IN DETAIL RE APPROPRIATE PROCESSING OF POTENTIAL APPLICANTS, FORMS REQUIRED, DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION, ETC.

4. WE REALIZE THAT CU FUNDS HAVE BEEN EARMARKED FOR PNG AND THAT PRESUMABLY WE HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO OFFER A ONE YEAR GRANT FOR GRADUATE STUDIES.

5. A THIRD SOURCE OF POSSIBLE FUNDING APPEARS TO BE VIA SOURCES DEVELOPED BY INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION. UNDERSTAND THAT DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION APPLICATION TO IIE NORMALLY NOVEMBER 30. INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CONTACTED US RE FULBRIGHT GRANTS COULD PROBABLY HAVE DOSSIERS ASSEMBLED FOR SUBMISSION IIE BY LATE JANUARY. CONGEN COULD PROBABLY CABLE BIO DATA, TRANSCRIPTS, INSTITUTIONAL PREFERENCE, IF ANY, AND RECOMMENDATION RE FUNDING, TUITION WAIVER, SCHOLARSHIP NEEDS ETC. BY MID-JANUARY. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO DO THIS HOWEVER, IF FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, THE DEADLINE HAS PASSED FOR ALMOST TOTAL FUNDING FROM IIE SOURCES.

6. PRELIMINARY REVIEW 12 FAM WHICH ONLY ARRIVED POST TODAY SUGGESTS SELECTION PROCESS IN ADVANCED STAGE FOR APPLICATIONS ALREADY SUBMITTED (12 FAM 404.1) BUT WE HOPE THAT EXCEPTION CAN BE CONTEMPLATED AS INDICATED UNDER PARA (5) ABOVE.

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7. FYI: POST HAS NOT YET RECEIVED IIE APPLICATION FORMS. OLMSTED

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